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30 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 30 March 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. McCone, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger,
Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Correspondents Visit to Murmansk

Mr. Douglas raised the problem of the Soviet-sponsored visit of correspondents to Murmansk. Mr. Dulles indicated that CIA was in touch with the Department of the Navy in regard to the proposed excursion. Concern was expressed as to the purpose underlying this Soviet move. It was generally felt that some dramatic announcement or display might be in the offing.

2. Congressional Resolutions on Captive Nations

Mr. Dulles called the luncheon group's attention to the resolutions currently before Congress concerning the Captive Nations. He pointed out that some of the resolutions included as captive nations certain areas recognized by the U.S. as integral parts of the USSR. He indicated that such resolutions could prove embarrassing. Mr. Dulles noted that on the other hand, some of the proposed resolutions did not list captive nations by name. Such resolutions could have a favorable propaganda impact. Mr. Merchant said that he would look into the matter and see what could be done.

3. Radio Mambi

Mr. Dulles reported on the disgusting line being taken by the official Cuban radio station, Mambi. The group discussed courses of action which might be taken in light of the scurrilous attacks on the President.

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5. Californian Protest Movement

Mr. McCone informed the meeting that while in California he became aware of a movement to send a million letters to the President in opposition to a soft position at the summit meeting.

6. Poland

In a general discussion on Poland, Mr. Riddleberger stated that agreement had been reached in negotiations concerning nationalization claims although it had not as yet been formalized. The settlement amount will be forty million dollars.

7. Aid to Cuba

Mr. Riddleberger explained that a \$300,000 item for technical assistance for Cuba had been included in the ICA budget prior to the deterioration of relations with the Castro regime. He stated that Congress had been told that ICA now had no intent to provide such aid.

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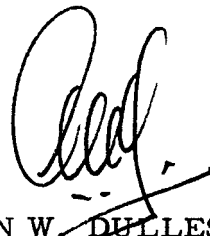
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9. Statement on U.S. Strategic Striking Force

The meeting decided that it would be unwise at this time to issue the statement.


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Director

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